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I Am to Speake a word unto you, since I have beene so long absent from you, it is in no way in answere to the learned Speech of Master Speaker; but yet I shall touch one point of it concerning *Ireland*, but first I must tell you, though I have beene absent longer then indeede I did expect, or could have bin expected by you, yet I stayed no longerer in *Scotland*, then the necessity of those affaires would absolutly permit, and indeed I have done there so much good, that I dare boldly affirme unto you, I have left the people a most contented and happie Nation: so that if I did misreckon in the time, I did not misreckon in the end.

Now though I have deceived you a little of

your expectation in point whereas I confesse you have deceived my expectation in finding of businesse here, for I had thought to have found things in quietnesse, and setled both for Religion, and peace, of this Kingdome, but I found great distractions, in so much as the Parliament was thought fit to be guarded, this I speake not any way to seeke out a fault, or to have any distrust of the hearty affections of my Subjects, but on the contrary when I came here (as you all see) I found the affection of my people to mee with great comfort.

Now I assure you I come with the same affection that you, or any good people of the world can wish, for I am farre from disliking any thing I have done hitherto, that if it were to be done againe even in the favour and good of my people, that I protest, I would do it againe, and whatsoever may be justly expected of mee for securing of Religion, and liberty of my people, I shall not faile to doe it.

And therfore I shall mention no particular at this time, but only the great particular of *Ireland* which Master Speaker did mention of, which I doe not doubt, but you have had a great care, yet me thinks, things goe on slowly, and I mention this more seasonably, because a couple of noble men are come out of *Scotland*, according to the Petition, and Instructions, which it pleased both Houses to send to me at *Barwicke*, which I instantly dispatched to the Councell there, who now have the full disposall of things, I spoke to

them

them this evening; and I desire both houses to appoint a select committee to meet and end these businesses with them.

I have but this word to say, that I assure you I have no other end, but the happiness of my people, for their flourishing is my greater glory, and their affection is my greatest strength.

KING CHARLES AND Queene Marys

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THe Kings most excellent Majestie finding to his great content of minde, the true and reall affection of the Lord Major, the Court of Aldermen, and other worthy Citizens of the Honourable City of *London*, in their hearty affections, meeting, feasting and conducting

dueling of his highnesse, the Queens most excellent Majesty, the noble young Prince, the Lady Mary, &c. With all the Noble retinue of Earles, Lords, Knights, and Gentlemen, into and through the Honourable City of London, and at night when his Majesty graciously departed from them to his Court at White-Hall.

After which their Majesties taking into their serious consideration, the magnificent entertainment, and their munificent bounty they had received in *London*, Her most excellent Majesty resolved to invite the Lord Major, and Aldermen to feast with Her at *Hampton* Court, which accordingly was performed, whereupon a solemn message was sent to propound the invitation to that Royall feast, with the Queens Majesty at *Hampton* Court, which was to be on Friday being the third of *December* one thousand six hundred and fourty one, which was also accordingly performed, where they humbly attended both their Majesties.

But it happened that the Sessions of Goale delivery, being then begun in the old Baily, which by reason of the visitation of the Plague, had beene a long time prorogued, the full Assembly could not goe, but then it was concluded that the Residue of the Aldermen, attended with the two Sheriffes, should repaire to *Hampton* Court, where they were most nobly feasted, and at dinner were by the Queens command, respectively furnished in the presence of foure noble men, at the Aldermens Table, and foure other Gentlemen

men of good ranke and quality, did so especiall service and attendance upon the other Gentlemen, and officers, that were there accompanying that worthy society, after dinner, they all attending to give humble thanks to their sacred Majesties, for their so noble a festivity, his Majesty was Graciously pleased, to honour his Queene, to give the Title of Knight-hood to those Aldermen there present, and the two Sheriffes, which was accordingly performed to seaven.

Mr. *Alderman Soames.*
Mr. *Alderman Geere.*
Mr. *Alderman Cordwell.*
M. *Alderman Woolaston.*
Mr. *Alderman Garrett.*
Mr. *Garret* } Sheriffes of London and
Mr. *Clarke* } Midlesexe.

After all which solemnity ended, and all due respects of humble thankfullnes for so gratious welcom, and most nobly Accommodated entertainment, they all tooke their Leaves, and so returned home to their habitations in *London* the same day.

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